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## THREE WOMEN AND MAN KILLED IN WEST SIDE FIRE; RESCUES THRILL CROWDS

Blaze in Theatrical Boarding  
House Is Sixth Since  
Jan. 1.

Three women and one man lost their lives in a fire that burned the two upper floors of the four-story theatrical boarding house at No. 239 West 38th Street at 2:30 A. M. today, the sixth fire in the place since the first of the year.

Catherine Harrington, thirty, a chorus girl, was one of the victims; another was Bertha Williams, owner of the house; the man was Edward Swanson, thirty, of No. 356 West 38th Street, who is supposed to have been visiting in the house. Miss Harrington and Mrs. Williams were trapped on the fourth floor and burned almost beyond recognition.

The third woman, not yet identified, clung to a water pipe until her strength gave out and she dropped, dying a short time later in Bellevue Hospital.

Several thrilling rescues were made, one by fireman Michael J. Lawler of Truck No. 21 being unexcelled for strength and daring. Another was by a sailor and a chauffeur, who commandeered a passing electric light emergency wagon and used the tower to save a woman.

The fire started in the third floor bathroom and cut off escape by the stairs for persons on the third and fourth floors. There are no fire escapes on the building. Miss Dolly Chalmers, a coat checker at Grand Central Palace, and Isidor Silverman, fifty, a singer at the Rialto, who had rooms on the third floor, discovered the blaze at about the 10:30 time.

Miss Chalmers, finding that flames filled the hall, ran to her window, neglecting to close her door. She was rescued in her window, screaming, when an Edison emergency wagon came along. The sailor and chauffeur, who were too modest to give their names later, pulled the mounted ladder from the truck and carried it under the window. It was only ten feet high, but it enabled them to reach a small balcony. They drew up the ladder and with it succeeded in reaching Miss Chalmers just as she was about to jump to escape the flames.

While Miss Chalmers was crying for help from her window, Luther Estes, a sailor stationed at Ellis Island on his way to report for duty, tried to climb to her hand over hand by the vines that run up the wall. He had got up about twenty feet when the vines tore loose and he fell to the sidewalk. He was taken to Bellevue with painful cuts and bruises.

The blaze swept to the fourth floor. At a rear window appeared a woman about thirty years old. When the heat became intolerable she crawled out and clung to a water pipe on the outer wall.

Spectators at the fire, and several rescuers on the roof, encouraged the woman, but suddenly she cried: "I can't hang on any longer" and dropped to the yard. She died on reaching the hospital.

The real thrill came after the firemen arrived. Miss Josephine Villari, twenty-one years old, lived on the fourth floor front. The fire had driven her to her window and was scorching her nightgown when fireman Lawler put up a twenty-five-foot ladder. He found this left him two feet short of the third floor window, while she was on the fourth floor.

He climbed to the third floor window sill. Then by lowering the window from the top he was able to stand on it to climb two feet higher and with his fingers reaching a coping jutting out a foot below Miss Villari's window. He pulled himself up to the coping by his fingers, and by standing there was able to reach the girl.

He lifted her to the coping out of reach of the flames and waited until his comrades raised a ladder to them. Then he carried her down. She was taken to Bellevue, suffering from smoke and shock. The firemen also

took from a third-story window Silverman, who had protected himself from the flames by closing his door when he found he could not escape by the stairs.

Matthew Bonnerford, twenty-three, an elevator operator who lived on the fourth floor back, reached a drain pipe and climbed hand over hand to the roof. He was lifted to safety by Isidor Silverman, who lived in an adjoining building and had come over the roof to aid.

Fire Marshal Brophy and detectives of the Second Branch Bureau are investigating the fire, but have not found positive evidence as yet of incendiaries. Two of the six recent fires started in the bathroom, where this one started, and the fact is considered suspicious. The loss was about \$10,000.

### FIFTY ESCAPE AT FIRE BY NOT YIELDING TO PANIC

Flames Spread So Rapidly Workers  
Have to Climb Through  
Windows to Roof.

Fifty men and women employees in the four upper floors of a seamy building at No. 38 Great Jones Street had a close call this morning when fire broke out on the third floor, but were saved by the orderly manner in which they took turns getting out of fourth-story windows to an adjoining building. The blaze was caused by the explosion of a barrel of varnish in the workroom of Ostrowsky & Sons, straw hat manufacturers.

The flames spread so rapidly it was impossible for those on the floors above to come down the fire-escape or stairs. The roof of No. 38 Great Jones Street is on a level with the windows on the fourth floor of No. 29. Thirty men and women working for Ostrowsky, Alderson & Seigel on the fourth floor, and workers on the three upper floors made their exit by way of the roof.

### AMERICAN DOWNS TWO GERMAN PLANES IN DAY

Davis Putnam of Brookline, Mass.,  
Raises His Total to Five in  
Double Fight.

PAULIS, March 29.—Davis Putnam of Brookline, Mass., a member of the Lafayette Escadrille, has brought down two more German airplanes, making a total of five, of which four are "official."

While patrolling the German lines Putnam was attacked by three monoplane. After a sharp fight, he brought one down and the others fled. Later Putnam was attacked by two biplanes. He brought down one of them.

Putnam was decorated with the French War Cross and promoted to Sergeant. He has not yet obtained his transfer to the American air force.

### PAGE AND U. S. MISSION VISIT ITALIAN FRONT

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Thursday, March 28 (Associated Press).—Ambassador Page has arrived here from Rome, and with Gen. Swift and other members of the American Military Mission visited Gen. Diaz at headquarters, where they were entertained at luncheon by the Italian commander and his staff.

Former Representative Leno of Ohio and Major Edward Toner also have arrived on a visit to the front. Major Toner is understood to be representing the Governor of Indiana. James Davis of Pittsburgh, Chairman of the American Moose War Relief, has arrived also, and he and Mr. Leno and Major Toner were conducted along the Piave and mountain fronts at a time when a spirited cannonading was proceeding.

### FIREMAN M. J. LAWLER, WHO RESCUED WOMAN CUT OFF BY FLAMES



M. J. LAWLER

## STARTING TO BUILD BATTLE TRENCHES IN CENTRAL PARK



(Photograph by Western Newspaper Union.)

In spite of the objections by art critics the Sheep Meadows in Central Park will be intrenched, barricaded and walled to give New York a realistic impression of

scenes on the fighting front. The plan includes also a boom for the new Liberty Loan campaign.

The photograph shows Sgt. August Martin of the French Army laying out the trenches.

## CREEL COMMITTEE IN NEED OF CENSOR, SENATORS DECLARE

Publication in Bulletin of Re-  
called Airplane Captions  
Raises Storm.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Publication by the Committee on Public Information, of which George Creel is the head, in its official bulletin yesterday of airplane photograph captions which the Senate Military Committee recently declared "damaging" and ordered suppressed, was severely denounced today in the Senate.

Senator Wadsworth of New York called the Senate's attention to the publication of the captions which he said the Committee had banned and added: "It is time the Public Information Committee had a censor."

Senator Thomas of Colorado, a Democratic Committee member, also expressed surprise over the captions in view of the Military Committee's disapproval.

He said the captions told of thousands of airplanes being sent to the American forces abroad, and added: "I have suspicions it is the work of German propaganda; it could not be more effective if it was."

Senator Thomas declared he thought the time has come when "Congress should have something to say regarding a publication of this kind," referring to the official bulletin. He added that the printing of untruths is bound to react upon the morale of the people.

Senator Knox of Pennsylvania also attacked the airplane captions in the Bulletin. Senator Kirby, responding, declared three squadrons of American airplanes are now in France; that parts and engines of airplanes have been sent to France and also that Liberty motors have been sent to the Allies.

"Yes, six to England and four to Italy," Senator Hatch observed.

### LADY DRUM MAJOR HERE; TO LEAD BAND UP AVENUE

Miss Annabelle Boyer Has White  
and Gold Uniform, Baton  
and Everything

Women ticket chaperons, women to say "live lively" to us in the subway and men the latest—a lady drum major. No more! Her name is Miss Annabelle Boyer and she is going to wear a dress parade uniform of white and gold which will stop at the knees. That is, the uniform will stop there and the stockings begin. Miss Boyer is no amateur at leading the gold-colored band, as Fifth Avenue Hotel, is responsible for the formation of the new band which Miss Boyer is to lead. Others of her sex will be playing in it. Miss Sophie Stern, Miss Youniss Silverstein, Miss Ida Tilden, Miss Margaret Stern, Miss Sarah Stern, Miss Stern.

## U. S. RED CROSS WORKERS, UNDER FIRE FOR A WEEK, HELP GET CIVILIANS AWAY

Non-Military Population of Whole  
Battle Region Has Now Been  
Removed.

PARIS, March 29.—The entire civilian population in the region of the German advance has been taken out, Edward Eyre Hunt, of the American Red Cross reports to Red Cross Headquarters here. Quakers of the South College unit and Red Cross workers from the Philadelphia unit labored for a week under shell fire, Mr. Hunt says. When the evacuation began the Red Cross, co-operating with the French and British authorities, established a chain of relief stations for refugees.

Paul Van Kesteren of Denver, Colo., was placed in charge at Amiens. Dr. W. B. Jackson of Florida and Dr. Holme Baldwin of Baltimore, together with a staff of nurses from the Children's Hospital at Needles and a group of Quakers from Smith College were at Montdidier and later at Beauvais. Haine H. Hirsch, a Quaker from Esopus, N. Y., was at Laon. Dr. Henry C. Greene, with five Quakers and the Philadelphia unit at Villers-Planchet installed an emergency dormitory at Noyon. Harry S. House of New York was at Sedan.

Reserve stores of food at Red Cross warehouses were turned over to the British soldiers. Every automobile truck worked double time. David Jones, of Utica, N. Y., drove back to a hotel to get his family. Taylor, of Youngstown, Ohio, rode into the same town with three flat tires and a broken front spring, but carried six wounded British soldiers to safety. American and French nurses are caring for wounded who are established at Villers-Planchet, where the women are working hard.

Mr. Hunt, who was Herbert Hoover's representative at Amiens under the old Belgian Relief Commission, says the refugees are showing the same marvelous passive patience as that displayed by those in Belgium and Italy. Few complaints are heard. The members of the Philadelphia unit, the Daily Unit, from Seattle, and the South College Workers, from Cincinnati and Ithaca, and the other nurses and Quakers are all safe and are doing wonders, Mr. Hunt says.

## 40 AUSTRIAN DIVISIONS FOR DRIVE INTO ITALY

Anglo-French Troops Will Remain  
There to Combat Offensives,  
Rome Message Says.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Forty new Austrian divisions have been distributed along the Italian front, the Italian Embassy was advised today by cable from Rome.

"That the battle in France will not prevent the Austrian offensive against Italy," said the message. "The founded opinion of competent military men of Italy. The Allies also are of this opinion, so much so that not one single man of the Franco-Italian forces in Italy has been withdrawn. This statement dispenses of the assertion of the German communists that the Allies' forces in Italy had been brought to the French front."

Peruvians Prepare Great Welcome  
for Shackleton.

LIMA, Peru, Thursday, March 29.—The worthy people of Callao and Lima are preparing a splendid reception for Lord Ernest H. Shackleton, the explorer, whose arrival here is expected tomorrow.

## SEES GOOD IN OFFENSIVE AS A SPUR TO AMERICA

London Daily Mail Says Vast Number  
of Trained Men Abroad  
Is Greatest Need.

LONDON, March 29.—Referring to Premier Lloyd George's urgent appeal to the United States for men, as sent through the Earl of Reading, British High Commissioner, the Daily Mail says:

"This Nation and its Allies must be prepared for another month, or perhaps two months, of continuous fighting. To meet the stupendous efforts and evident desperation of the enemy, our efforts and those of our Allies must be on an equal scale."

The newspaper briefly sums up America's effort since entering the war and continues: "With this record many Americans are by no means satisfied. It hurls them to think that in this battle of battles they are not playing a greater part. We think their self-reproaches exaggerated, but undoubtedly the German offensive will not have been without its use if it spurs America to concentrate on the problems of raising and landing trained soldiers. That is the main assistance America can render us in this crisis."

## WILSON MAY SET FORTH U. S. WAR PURPOSES AGAIN

Urged to Speak on Issues at Liberty  
Loan Demonstration in Baltimore,  
April 6.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—That President Wilson is preparing to give home again the war purposes of America to the battling Allies—and do it soon—was held certain here today. It is believed likely he will select as his opportunity a great Liberty Loan demonstration in Baltimore, April 6. Strong pressure is being brought to bear on the President to speak at that time.

There are a number of matters the President has on his books to clear up. There is the matter of Germany, dealing with the Western Russian provinces and the great Russian people themselves. There is the threat of the Austro-Foreign Minister, Count Czernin, who says Germany has the choice of either surrender or complete destruction. These chapters in Teuton diplomacy have been closed since last the President spoke—holding out a friendly hand to Germany. Then there is the late question of Japanese intervention in Siberia.

## CONSCRIPTION IN IRELAND URGED UPON ENGLAND

New Bill Asked Which Also Would  
Raise Age Limit to Between  
Forty-Five and Fifty.

LONDON, March 29.—The Parliamentary correspondence of the Daily Express says that powerful influences within the Government are pressing for the introduction, when Parliament re-assembles on April 9, of an entirely new conscription bill which would raise the age limit to between forty-five and fifty years, and which would apply conscription to Ireland and call for mobilization of the volunteer home defense force.

## CAMP BUILDING CAVES IN.

Six Workmen Hurt in Pelham Bay  
Accident.

Six workmen were slightly injured today when a one-story frame building, in course of construction at the Pelham Bay Naval Camp collapsed. The men received treatment at the camp.

## PERSHING REPORTS 53 NEW NAMES ON U. S. CASUALTY LIST

Total of Americans Killed,  
Wounded and Missing Abroad  
Now Reaches 2,231.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Gen. Pershing's latest casualty list contains fifty-three names, the largest in several days. The summary of American losses in the Expeditionary Forces overseas is as follows:

Killed in action	178
Killed or prisoner	1
Killed by accident	159
Dead of disease	757
Dead "other causes"	2
Lost at sea	257
Subsided	11
Unknown causes	15
Dead of wounds	42
Executed	1
Civilians	7
Gassed	6

Grand total 2,231.  
Gen. Pershing's latest casualty report is as follows:

**Killed in Action.**  
PATRICK ROGERS.  
**Missing in Action.**  
Sergeant SAM J. CHARPTE.  
Sergeant FRANK E. PARSE.  
Sergeant FREDERICK LOUIS ADKINS.  
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**Died of Wounds.**  
CORP. WILLIAM F. ELWOOD.  
**Died of Disease.**  
ARTHUR DAVENPORT, CIVILIAN.  
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## AUSTRO-GERMANS HOLDING ODESSA, VIENNA ASSERTS

Denies Recapture of Black Sea  
Port by Bolshevik  
Forces.

AMSTERDAM, March 29.—Denial that the Bolsheviks have retaken the Black Sea port of Odessa is made officially in Vienna. It is said the city is still occupied by the Austro-Germans.

LONDON, March 29.—The beginning by the Germans on Wednesday of an offensive in the direction of Kursk, 300 miles south of Moscow, is reported in the Petrograd newspapers, according to a Rouser despatch from that city. German advance guards are reported to have been seen twelve miles from the town.

The Ukrainian Government has prohibited the use of the Russian language.

The Caucasus Diet, after proclaiming the independence of the country, has approved the basis of a separate peace agreement with Turkey, the same correspondent reports. The agreement is said to provide autonomy for Armenia and re-establishment of the frontiers as they were before the war.

PETROGRAD, March 27 (United Press)—German Foreign Minister Kuhlmann, replying to a protest, declared Germany was justified in sending armed forces into Finland, on the grounds of American Ambassador Francis's statement regarding America's readiness to assist in regaining the status quo, in violation of the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty.

Members of the Russian soviets replied that Francis merely repeated President Wilson's message, to which ratification of the treaty furnished a rejoinder.

Anti-Germanism throughout Russia is more intense than at any time since the beginning of the war. Kuhlmann, replying to a protest against German occupation of Odessa, declared Odessa is in Ukrainian territory.

After the Russians recaptured Odessa 10,000 workmen in Charkoff (350 miles northeast of Odessa and 250 miles east of Kiev) resolved to disorganize the soviet's order to evacuate and decided to defend the city to the last. They also began removing big stores of metals.

Reinforcements are being rushed from Smolensk (250 miles west of Moscow) to Orsha (75 miles west of Smolensk). They also are being sent from Suma to Orsha to check the Ukrainian-German advance against Charkoff.

In addition to the advance on Charkoff, the enemy is seeking to cut off the Soviet forces from Poltava (75 miles west and south of Charkoff). Red Guards to-night hurried back the enemy forces attempting to reach Suma.

After a battle near Nizhnedneprovsk, 60 versts (39.4 miles) from Ekaterinoslav (75 miles south of Poltava), the Soviet forces retreated. Former workmen are organizing for the defense of Ekaterinoslav.

## SENATORS FAVOR TRAINING YOUTHS FROM 19 TO 21

Refuse to Table Proposal by  
Small Margin—New Draft  
Force Mobilizing.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Preliminary to a final vote today the Senate apparently favored an amendment to the Draft Bill which would provide for compulsory military training of youths between nineteen and twenty-one years of age by defeating, 35 to 52, a motion by Senator Jones of Washington to table it.

Opposing the amendment for registration of youths now twenty-one, Senator Kirby said:

"If it is necessary to increase the age limit it should go over thirty-one years instead of below twenty-one. The proposal would confuse present army plans and take youths out of school and industry. Before this is passed we'll have five million men in the army and ten million in camp."

The Provost Marshal General is planning to hold the second draft registration, for men who have become twenty-one since last year, on June 5, the first anniversary of the first registration. As long as the war lasts a similar registration will be held on that date. It is believed that 500,000 Class I physically fit men will be added to America's defense columns annually by this program.

With a five-day mobilization of 25,000 drafted men starting today, America will round out the first year of the war next week with the record of having assembled over 700,000 men through the selective service system. The 25,000 men now being assembled comprise the last increment of the first draft and 15,000 men of the second.

The first men of the second draft are called, despite the fact that Congress has not yet amended the law to change the basis of apportionment, as Provost Marshal General Crowder has asked. But it is practically certain that no more will be called until the question is settled.

The 95,000 men now called, it is understood, are needed at once to fill divisions and other units or to take the places of men transferred from other divisions to make up deficiencies.

## WHEAT MUST BE SAVED. Food Administration Has Not Lifted Restrictions.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The Food Administration gave notice today that in stating that wheatless days were optional in private homes it lifted none of the restrictions on consumption of wheat products.

"The Food Administration," an official statement says, "is merely asking the American people to reduce their per capita consumption to not more than one and a half pounds per week. If this can be done without the observance of wheatless meals or wheatless days the Food Administration will consider that its request is being observed."

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